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For: CONTINUOUSLY CONNECTED) Confirmation Number: 2132
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

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